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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PPDC, SA, UKS
SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO KING KHALID
KHALID'S OPERATION

REF LONDON 2560

1. EMBOFF VISITED SAUDI EMBASSY MORNING FEBRUARY 15 AND CONFERRED WITH SAUDI EMBOFF FOUZAN ABOUT STATUS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO KING KHALID. FOUZAN SAID THAT IMMDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING TEXT FROM EMBOFF MORNING OF FEBRUARY 14, HE HAD GOTTEN IT TO SAUDI AMBASSADOR. FOUZAN SAID THAT LATTER, AFTER HASTY TRANSLATION OF TEXT INTO ARABIC, HAD GIVEN IT TO KING KHALID AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HOURS LONDON TIME THAT AFTERNOON. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER TEXT WAS GIVEN TO KING ORALLY IN WRITING.

2. FOUZAN, WHO HAD JUST COME FROM THE HOSPITAL, FURTHER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT OPERATION ON KING TOOK PLACE START-
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ING AT 11:00 HOURS LONDON TIME FEBRUARY 15, AND THAT HE EXPECTED AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL WOULD BE MADE AT APPROXIMATELY 14:00 HOURS LONDON TIME. HE THOUGHT KING KHALID WOULD REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM CONVALESCING FOR A FURTHER THREE OR FOUR WEEKS.

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3. SAUDI EMBASSY CLOSED UP TIGHT AT 1500 HOURS AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED. FCO UNDERSTANDS THAT FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY SAUDI GOVERNMENT IN RIYADH RATHER THAN BY SAUDI EMBASSY HERE, AND HAS INSTRUCTED BRITISH EMBASSY IN JIDDA TO LISTEN FOR IT.

4. IN ADDITION TO CUSTOMARY SECLUSIVENESS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, SENIOR OFFICERS OF SAUDI EMBASSY ARE ABSORBED IN ATTENDANCE ON KING AT HOSPITAL WHERE STRICT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE NATURALLY IN EFFECT.

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